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EXPENSES OF VIRGINIA BOYS AT ETON IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

(From the original account presented by the late Dr.
A. G. Grinnon.)

In 1760 Alexander and John Spotswood, sons of Col. John Spotswood, of "Newpost," Spotsylvania, Va., were sent to Eton by their guardian Bernard Moore, of "Cheslea," King William County. Their father was dead and their mother married again to a Mr. Campbell. For two years their expenses were promptly paid; but after that no remittances were sent, and the boys were left penniless. Various sums were paid for them by Mrs. Campbell of London, mother of their step-father; but her means were limited. A great aunt, Mrs. Brayne, and an uncle, Francis Dandridge, lived in London; but declined to aid them. It is probable that the Spotswood estate in Virginia had become involved. Finally in 1764, the boys were sent back to Virginia. Soon after their return Alexander Spotswood remitted the amount due to Wm. Hunter, a merchant, of London; but about the time it was received Hunter became bankrupt, and the generous Mrs. Young, with whom they boarded at Eton received nothing. Mrs. Young's heirs made earnest attempts to collect the debt, and sent to Va. the itemized bills printed below; but when Alexander Spotswood, was called on in 1788 for payment, he refused, claiming he had already remitted the amount. The bill was never paid. It was a shabby business unworthy of the stock to which the boys belonged. Alexander Spotswood became a brigadier-general in the Revolution and John a captain. For a more detailed account see the *William and Mary Quarterly* II, 113-120. It is curious that one of the few remaining accounts of a boy's expense at Eton in the Eighteenth Century should have been found in Virginia.

An account for the two Mars. Spotswoods Board etc. at Eton
for half a year

Ending July 8th 1762

	£	s	d
Candles	1	0	0
Schole fire	0	3	0
Schole sweeping	0	1	4
chapel clerk	0	0	8
Gave the postman at Xmas	0	2	0
Do. the bellman	0	1	0
Letters—1 ^s . 3 ^d —a parcel 6 ^d	0	1	9
Hair cutting	0	6	0
Shoes mending	0	8	10
Errands to Windsor when ill	0	1	3
Making & mark'g 6 Handks.	0	1	0
a nurse 12 days	0	12	0
Her diet	0	12	0
Post chaise to Windsor when ill of whooping cough	0	5	0
The post boy	0	0	6
Pictures for painting W'n ill	0	0	6
Coach hire at Easter	0	7	0
In pocket	0	5	0
April 8 th			
P ^d Mrs. Lee for their board etc. when ill of whooping cough	12	9	2
P ^d for markg. 12 shirts	1	10	0
Gave the serv ^{ts} for them for Xmas, as usual pr. order	0	12	6
Wine for whey etc.	0	1	6
Coach hire after Easter	0	3	0
For seeing Johnson	0	2	0
Coach hire at Election	0	8	0
In pocket	0	5	0
Waterman	0	2	0
Their weekly allowance from Jan'ry 11 th 16 ^d a week to April 17	0	15	0
Do. to May 3 ^d 19 ^d a week	0	3	0
Do. to July 26 th 1s a week	1	4	0
Fire in chamber since Xmas	1	10	0

Mend'g Linen	1	0	0
Their Board due as above	25	0	0
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	49	14	0
P ^d for 2 p ^{rs} of shoes	0	9	0
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Carried over	50	3	0
Brought over	50	3	0
To Dr. Dampier	4	4	0
To Mrs. Foster	8	8	0
The writing Master	2	8	0
2 accompt Books	0	4	0
The cobbler cleaning shoes	0	8	0
The Bookseller	2	8	0
The Shoemaker	2	4	0
Clothes mend'g etc.	2	9	1
The bills for Hats etc.	1	12	7
The dancing master, ½ a year April 1762	4	4	0
The drapers bill	14	5	6
A key to bureau	0	1	0
Ivory comb	0	2	6
Large do. & Brush	0	1	3
Buckles & Buttons	0	17	2
The Apothecary	14	7	11
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Total	108	8	0

An account for the two Master Spotswoods Board etc. at Eton
for half a year ending Jan'ry 8th 1763

	£	s	d
Candles	1	0	0
Schole Candles, 3 ^s , Fire there, 3 ^s	0	6	0
Schole sweeping	0	1	4
Chapel clerk	0	0	8
P ^d for their being at a lodging 8 days on account of Mrs. Campbells saying they had the Itch.	1	1	0
Coach hire after Election	0	3	0

Errands while they were at their lodging	0	3	6
for the 3 rd form	0	1	0
Shoes mending	0	6	8
Hair cutting	0	6	0
P ^d for cleaning 4 suits of clothes	0	14	0
Letters 1 ^s -6 ^d Parcels 6 ^d	0	2	0
Their staying at Eton, a week & $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Xmas holidays, at 10 ^s 6 ^d a week each	1	11	6
Fire and candles for that time	0	5	6
Coach hire after that to London	0	8	0
In pocket	0	5	0
Their weekly allowance to Dec ^r 20 th	1	14	0
Fire in cham ^r to Xmas	1	10	0
Mending linen	1	0	0
Their board due as above	25	0	0
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Carried over	35	19	2
	£	s	d
Brought over	35	19	2
To Dr Dampier	4	4	0
To Mrs. Foster	8	8	0
The writing master	2	8	0
The Cobler cleaning shoes	0	8	0
The Bookseller	1	17	7
The Shoemaker	1	15	4
The Bill for Hats etc.	0	18	4
The dancing master $\frac{1}{2}$ year Oct ^r	4	4	0
Combs and Brush	0	2	6
Keys to Bureau and Cupboard	0	2	8
The serv ^{ts} for Elec'n last p ^r order	0	12	6
Asses Milk omitted before	0	4	0
for washing waistecoats	0	10	6
The dancing master a qua ^r to Jan'y 1763 Omitted	2	2	0
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	63	17	2
By the Bill end'g July 8 th 1762	103	8	0
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Total	172	5	2

July 29 th 1763 Rec'd by Mrs. Young, of Mrs. Campbell in part of this accmpt	64	9	7
Remains due on this account	107	15	7

An account for the 2 master Spotswoods Board etc. at Eton for half a year ending July 8th 1763

	£	s	d
Candles	1	0	0
Schole fire	0	3	0
Schole sweeping	0	1	4
Chapel Clerk	0	0	8
Coach hire after Xmas	0	3	0
The postman	0	2	0
The bellman	0	1	0
Car of trunk	0	1	6
Letters 1 st -6 ^d Parcels 1 ^s	0	2	6
Shoes mend'g	0	9	4
Hair cutting	0	8	0
making stockings etc.	0	1	6
Coach hire at Easter	0	8	0
In pocket	0	5	0
Coach hire after Easter	0	2	0
Errands to Windsor when ill	0	0	6
Salt money	0	2	0
Montem Poles	0	2	0
Ma: A man & horse to Egham to Mrs. Campbell when ill	0	4	0
Ma: A nurse a fortnight	1	1	0
Her diet	0	14	0
Wine for whey at several times	0	1	6
Gave them pr. order	0	5	0
Mr: for the 3 ^d Form	0	1	0
Ma: Knife and Fork	0	1	3
Scouring 2 suits Cloaths	0	4	6
Waterman	0	2	0
Staying a week & half of Xmas Holidays, at Eton as usual	1	11	6

Fire and candle for that time	0	4	0
Post chaise at Election	0	18	0
In pocket	0	5	0
Their weekly allowance to Aug st 1 st	3	0	0
Fire in chamber since Xmas	1	10	0
Mending Linen	1	0	0
Their Board due as above	25	0	0
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Share of Montem dinners omitted above	0	6	8
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Carried over	40	2	9
	£	s	d
Brought over	40	2	9
To Dr. Dampier	4	4	0
To Mrs. Foster	8	8	0
The Writing master	2	8	0
The Cobler for cleaning shoes	0	8	0
The Bookseller	2	16	0
The Shoemaker	3	10	8
The Taylor omitted in last bill	1	11	6
Mr. Charter's bill	27	7	9
The dancing ma ^r ½ a year each	4	4	0
Gave the serv ^{ts} at Xmas	0	12	6
The Bill for Combs, Buckles etc.	0	17	2
Key to Bureau etc.	0	1	6
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	71	11	10
Due on the bills ending Jan'y 8 th 1763	107	15	7
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	179	7	5
Their staying at Eton a week & half at Xmas 1762, charged by mistake a second time	1	11	6
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Total	177	15	11

An account for the Masters Spotswoods board etc. for half a year ending Jan'yry 8th, 1764

	£	s	d
Candles	1	0	0
Schole candles	0	3	0
Schole Fire	0	3	0
Schole sweeping	0	1	4
Chapel clerk	0	0	8
Coach hire after election	0	3	0
Letters 1 ^s , parcel 6 ^d	0	1	6
Shoes mending	0	8	6
Hair cutting	0	4	0
Marking stockings	0	1	0
Omitted in last bill a nurse with Major	0	3	0
Each a knife & fork	0	2	6
Coach hire at Xmas	0	8	0
In pocket	0	5	0
Their weekly allowance to Dec ^r 12 th	1	10	0
Fire in chamber to Xmas	1	10	0
Mending linen	1	0	0
Their board due as above	25	0	0
	32	4	6
To Dr. Dampier	4	4	0
To Mr. Foster	8	8	0
The writing master	2	8	0
The Cobler	0	8	0
The Bookseller	2	1	9
The Shoemaker	1	8	8
The Taylor for clothes mend'g	0	12	10
Mr. Charters's bill	6	6	4½
The dancing Master	4	4	0
Gave the serv ^{ts} at Election	0	12	6
Combs & Brush	0	3	8
Knee Buckles	0	1	0
The apothecary	3	15	0
Washing waistcoats	0	1	3
	60	19	6½
Due on their bill to July 8 th 1763	177	15	11
Total	238	15	5½

An account for Masters Spotswood's board etc. at Eton for half
a year ending July 8th 1764

	£	s	d
Candles	1	0	0
Schole fire	0	3	0
Schole sweeping	0	1	4
chapel clerk	0	0	8
Coach hire after Xmas	0	3	0
Gave the postman	0	2	0
Do. the bellman	0	1	0
Parcels—1 ^s . 6 ^d —Letters in Feb'y	0	8	0
Hair cutting	0	4	0
Shoes mending	0	7	2
Coach hire to Lon: in Feb'y	0	8	0
In pocket	0	5	0
Coach hire Fm. Lon: in Feb'y then	0	3	0
mark'g Stockings	0	1	0
gave them p ^r order	0	5	0
Ma: Coach hire at Easter	0	4	0
In pocket	0	2	6
Ma: Share of horses & man out twice with him at			
Easter	0	7	0
Gave him then	0	1	0
Gave him more p ^r order	0	7	6
Their weekly allowance from Jan'ry 9 to April 23 ^d	1	12	0
ma: Coach hire after Easter	0	4	0
ma: Share of man and horse after him to London	0	7	6
ma: Coach hire to London when he left schole	0	4	0
In pocket	0	2	6
Their weekly allowance from April	0	4	0
Fire in cham ^r since Xmas	1	10	0
mending linen	1	0	0
Their board due as above	25	0	0
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Carried over	34	16	11
	£	s	d
Brought over	34	16	11
To Dr. Dampier	4	4	0

To Mr. Foster	8	8	0
The writing Master	2	8	0
The Cobler	0	8	0
The Bookseller	2	3	3
The Shoemaker	2	10	0
Clothes mend'g at y ^e Taylors	0	12	1
Mr. Charters's bills	0	6	5
The dancing Master	4	4	0
Gave the Servants p ^r order	0	12	6
Combs & Brushes	0	6	8
Buckles	0	2	0
A key to cupboard	0	0	8
P ^d their debt pr. order:			
P ^d Mrs Jones	0	5	6
P ^d Simon Bath	0	7	2
P ^d three boys	0	7	3
	62	2	5
By their account ending Jan'y 8 th 1764, as sent to			
Col. Moore	238	15	5½
April 24 th 1764—Rec'd. of Mrs. Campbell, by Mrs.			
Youngs draft to Mr. Benwell on part of this ac-			
count	30	0	0
	270	17	10½
Over charged in the Taylor's bill to Dec ^r 5 th	0	2	0
	270	15	10½
Fire & candles for Xmas Holidays 1762 charg'd by			
mistake a second time	0	4	0
Total due	270	11	10½

Extracts from the Books of the late Mary Young deced.

The Two Master's Spotswood came first to Eton Jan'y 8th 1760.

It was agreed that they should pay	£	s	d
For board, each	25	0	0
pr. Ann: Candles Do	1	0	0

Fire Do	1	10	0
Mending linen	1	0	0
& that Mrs. Young should charge in her bill for entrance each	6	6	0
The first $\frac{1}{2}$ yr. end'g July 8 th 1760	110	15	6
Second, end'g Jan'ry 1761	66	14	6
Third end'g July 1761	88	17	0
Fourth end'g Jan'ry 1762	64	5	11
Total	330	12	11
For the first end'g July 1760 Mrs. Young rec'd	110	15	6
The second rec'd	66	14	6
The third rec'd	88	07	0
The fourth rec'd	64	5	11
Total	330	12	11

The two last sums Mrs. Young rec'd by her draft to Mr. Benwell on Mr. Usher.